

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium containing computer program product tangibly embodied in a computer-readable storage medium, comprising instructions operable to cause data processing apparatus to:

receive a specification of two or more controllers, each controller having at least one associated data structure of data elements, each data structure being associated with exactly one controller, and one or more data mappings, each data mapping specifying a data source for a data element, each data mapping being a context mapping or a model mapping, each context mapping binding the data element to another data element, each model mapping specifying a model and a supply function, the supply function being operable to derive a value of the data element from the model;

derive one or more data dependency relationships from the data mappings, each data dependency relationship being directed from a first controller to a second controller and from the second controller to one model, one data dependency relationship being derived whenever there is at least one data mapping between the first controller and the second controller and between the second controller and the model; and

visualize the data dependency relationships directed from the first controller to the second controller and from the second controller to the model by displaying a link for each of one or more data dependency relationships, each link showing a direction of data dependency.

2. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium ~~computer-program-product~~ of claim 1, wherein the data structure is a tree.

3. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium ~~computer-program-product~~ of claim 1, wherein the instructions to receive a specification comprise instructions to receive a specification of a component encapsulating the controllers and including the mappings, and wherein the controllers comprise at least one interface controller and at least one view controller.

4. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium ~~computer-program-product~~ of claim 3, wherein the controllers further comprise a configuration controller, a component controller, or a custom controller.

5. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium ~~computer-program-product~~ of claim 1, further comprising instructions to:

receive user input editing a first link; and

modify the data dependency relationship specified by the first link in accordance with the user input, the data dependency relationship being modified by modifying the data mappings, wherein the modified data mappings correspond to the user input.

6. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium ~~computer-program-product~~ of claim 5, wherein the first link has a source end, the source end

specifying the source of data for the data dependency relationship, and the instructions to receive the user input comprise instructions to:

receive user input moving the source end of the first link from a first data source to a second data source, the first and second data source each being one of the controllers or models.

7. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium ~~computer-program-product~~ of claim 5, wherein the instructions to receive the user input cause the data processing equipment to:

receive user input changing the direction of the data dependency relationship for the first link.

8. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium ~~computer-program-product~~ of claim 1, further comprising instructions to:

receive user input requesting a display of a detail view of a second link, the second link having a source and a destination; and

respond to the user input by displaying all the data mappings that have the same source and destination as the second link.

9. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium ~~computer-program-product~~ of claim 1, further comprising instructions to:

receive user input to filter the displayed links using a filter; and display only data dependency relationships satisfying the filter.

10. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium ~~computer-program-product~~ of claim 9, wherein the filter specifies all data dependency relationships having selected models or controllers as the source.

11. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium ~~computer-program-product~~ of claim 9, wherein the filter specifies all data dependency relationships having a selected controller as the source or the destination, or having a selected model as the source.

12. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium ~~method~~ of claim 1, further comprising instructions to:

receive user input to filter the data mappings using a filter;

derive one or more filtered data dependency relationships from the data mappings satisfying the filter; and

visualize the filtered data dependency relationships.

13. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium method of claim 12, wherein the filter specifies all data mappings having selected models or controllers as the data source.

14. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium method of claim 12, wherein the filter specifies all data mappings having a selected controller or model as the data source, and all data mappings specifying a data source for the selected controller.

15. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:
a processor;
means, connected to the processor, for receiving a specification of a component, wherein the component encapsulates two or more controllers, each controller having at least one associated data structure of data elements, each data structure being associated with exactly one controller, the component including one or more data mappings, each data mapping specifying a data source for a data element, each data mapping being a context mapping or a model mapping, each context mapping binding the data element to another data element, each model mapping specifying a model and a supply function, the supply function being operable to derive a value of the data element from the model;

means for deriving one or more data dependency relationships from the data mappings, each data dependency relationship being directed from a first controller to a second controller and from the second controller to one model, one data dependency

relationship being derived whenever there is at least one data mapping between the first controller and the second controller and between the second controller and the model;
and

means for visualizing the data dependency relationships directed from the first controller to the second controller and from the second controller to the model by displaying a link for each of one or more data dependency relationships, each link showing a direction of data dependency.

16. (Original) The system of claim 15, further comprising:

means for receiving user input editing a link; and

means for modifying the data dependency relationship specified by the link in accordance with the user input, the data dependency relationship being modified by modifying the data mappings, wherein the modified data mappings correspond to the user input.

17. (Original) The system of claim 15, further comprising:

means for receiving user input requesting a display of a detail view of a link, the link having a source and a destination; and

means for responding to the user input by displaying all the data mappings that have the same source and destination as the link.

18. (Currently Amended) A method comprising the steps, performed by a computer processor, of:

receiving a specification of a component, wherein the component encapsulates two or more controllers, each controller having at least one associated data structure of data elements, each data structure being associated with exactly one controller, the component including one or more data mappings, each data mapping specifying a data source for a data element, each data mapping being a context mapping or a model mapping, each context mapping binding the data element to another data element, each model mapping specifying a model and a supply function, the supply function being operable to derive a value of the data element from the model;

deriving one or more data dependency relationships from the data mappings, each data dependency relationship being directed from a first controller to a second controller and from the second controller to one model, one data dependency relationship being derived whenever there is at least one data mapping between the first controller and the second controller and between the second controller and the model; and

visualizing the data dependency relationships directed from the first controller to the second controller and from the second controller to the model by displaying a link for each of one or more data dependency relationships, each link showing a direction of data dependency.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, further comprising:
receiving user input editing a link; and

modifying the data dependency relationship specified by the link in accordance with the user input, the data dependency relationship being modified by modifying the data mappings, wherein the modified data mappings correspond to the user input.

20. (Original) The method of claim 18, further comprising:

receiving user input requesting a display of a detail view of a link, the link having a source and a destination; and

responding to the user input by displaying all the data mappings that have the same source and destination as the link.

21. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium containing computer program product tangibly embodied in a computer-readable storage medium, comprising instructions operable to cause data processing apparatus to:

receive a specification of two or more controllers, each controller having at least one associated data structure of data elements, each data structure being associated with exactly one controller, and one or more data mappings, each data mapping specifying a data source for a data element;

display a link for each of one or more data dependency relationships, each data dependency relationship being directed from a first controller to a second controller and from the second controller to one model, each data dependency relationship indicating that there is at least one data mapping between the first controller and the second controller and between the second controller and the model and representing all the data mappings in the same direction between the first controller and the second

controller and between the second controller and the model, each link showing the direction of data dependency;

receive user input editing a first link; and

modify the data mappings represented by the data dependency relationship specified by the first link in accordance with the user input.